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5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:

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DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

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## Amendment B

## Paper No. 9

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Carol Rines et al

Serial No. 09/039,176 (Continued Prosecution Application CPA)

Group Art: 2754

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For:

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR EXPANDING FUNCTIONALITY OF VEHICLE CASSETTE TAPE-PLAYER DECKS TO PERMIT DICTATION OR OTHER RECORDING AND AUTOMATIC REMOTE STATION RELAYING OF THE SAME

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Replying through this Continuation Prosecution Application (CPA) to the final action in parent application Serial No. 09/038,176, filed March 13, 1998 as a division of Serial No. 08/696,294, filed August 19, 1996 and now issued as Patent No. 6,002,558 on December 14, 1999, in turn a continuation of Serial No. 08/380,242, filed January 30, 1995, in turn a continuation of Serial No. 873,970 filed April 24, 1992, and in turn a continuation of Serial No. 584,134, filed September 18, 1990, please amend the application as follows:

Please delete claims 12, 13, 15 and 21 without prejudice for the reasons hereinafter set forth.

@laim 14, line 1, change "13" to:--25--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "means".

Claim 14, line 2, before "by" insert:--optionally--.

Claim 14, line 2, before the period insert: -- and switch buttons thereat--

Claim 16, line 1, change "15" to:--25--.

Claim 16, line 1, change "to initiate" to:--of--

Claim 16, line 2, delete "actuation mode".

Claim 16, line 2, before "the" insert:--of--.